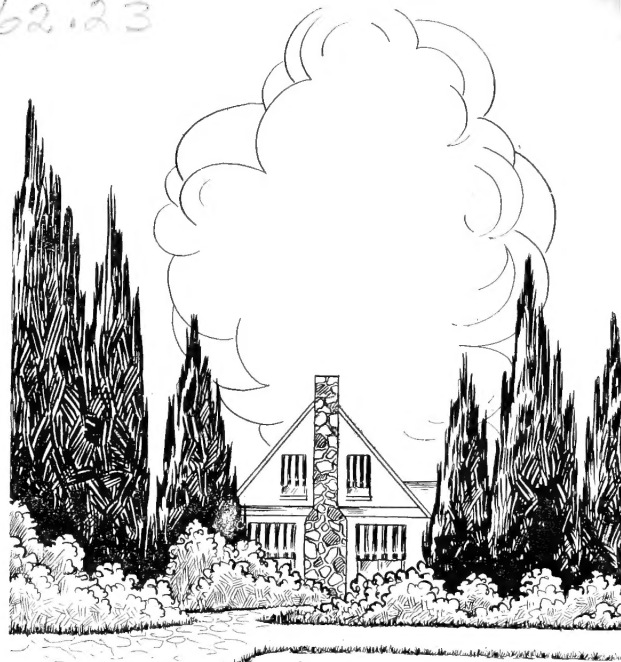


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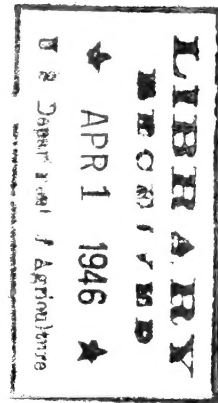


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# SPECIAL - TREES and PLANTS

## Althea

ROSE OF SHARON

White    Pink    Blue

75c each

3 for \$1.80

3 ft. Plants

Single hollyhock-like flowers in late summer and fall; rich foliage. Grows in an upright pyramidal bush or small tree. Great favorite on account of its blooming when other flowers are gone.

## Butterfly Bush

or Summer Lilac

50c each, 3 for \$1.35

Pink with orange eye, Dark Wine Red, Lavender Pink.

These Summer Lilac or Butterfly Bushes are tops in summer flowers. They bloom from July until late fall. The flowers are fragrant and come in terminal clusters with panicles 8 to 10 in. long. The plants will bloom this year.

## MAGNOLIA (Soulangeana)

The most decorative and most popular of the Hybrid Magnolias, producing a wealth of very large rose colored blooms just before the leaves appear in the spring. The plants are grown on their own roots, and should not be compared with grafted plants which are cheaper but not hardy.

3½ to 4 ft.—balled in earth.....\$11.00 each

2 to 3 ft.—balled in earth..... 8.00 each

Supply is very limited.

## EVERBLOOMING ROSES

RED

PINK

YELLOW

3 for \$1.25

These roses are No. 2 grade; the tops are short but good roots. Will bloom first summer.

## CHOICE CANNAS

Red or Yellow

15 cents each

## Evergreens

These Evergreens have been transplanted. They have good roots and well balanced tops. They are not to be compared with seedlings so often offered. They are 5 to 7 years old and are the same that we plant in our open fields to grow into larger trees.

Keep them well moist the first year; also cultivate them good.

PFITZER JUNIPER. 10 to 12 in.....\$1.00 ea.

SAVIN JUNIPER. 9 to 12 in..... 75c ea.

COLORADO JUNIPER. 18 to 24 in.....\$1.50 ea.

WHITE SPRUCE. 9 to 12 in..... 75c ea.

AUSTRIAN PINE. 18 to 24 in.....\$1.00 ea.

DOUGLAS FIR. 12 to 18 in.....\$1.00 ea.

These Evergreens are packed in moss when delivered. Never allow the roots to become dry.

## Ground Covers

VINCA (Minor) Clumps 25c each

A trailing evergreen plant used to cover ground under shrubs and evergreens—blue flowers. Each clump can be divided into many small plants.

SPRUGE (pachysandra)

A splendid ground cover, glossy foliage, forming a dense mat. Does well in dense shade, especially under evergreens. Grows 6 inches tall in sun or shade.

6 in. plants, 25c each, \$2.00 for 10

# ALPHA NURSERY

# Alpha, Illinois





# SMALL FRUITS

PLANTED THIS SPRING WILL BEAR NEXT YEAR

ALL SMALL FRUIT ON THIS PAGE CAN BE SHIPPED BY PARCEL POST

## For Home ——— STRAWBERRIES ——— For Market

Strawberry Plants will be very scarce this year. Orders should be placed early. Planting season April 1 to May 15. We do not like to furnish plants after May 15. Fall planting of strawberries is very uncertain. and we do not advise it.

**SENATOR DUNLAP**—This is one of the best varieties grown. It bears well in this locality—producing big crops. Good grower—makes good heavy rows. Berries large size—good rich red color.

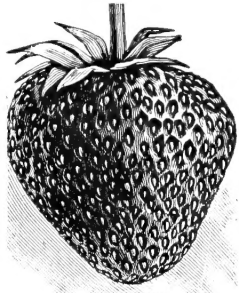
25 plants, \$1.00      50 plants, \$1.50  
100 plants, \$2.75

**GRAND CHAMPION**—A new strawberry for this locality which promises to be a great favorite. Grand Champion is enormous cropper; ripens with the Dunlap but continues long after Dunlap is gone. It bears over 40 days. The tall heavy foliage protects the blossoms from early frosts. Fruit is good rich red, solid, holds its shape, does not mush up, coreless—for canning, quick freeze. Grand Champion is in a class by itself. Our plants are strong and husky, having been grown under irrigation the past summer. Try **GRAND CHAMPION**.

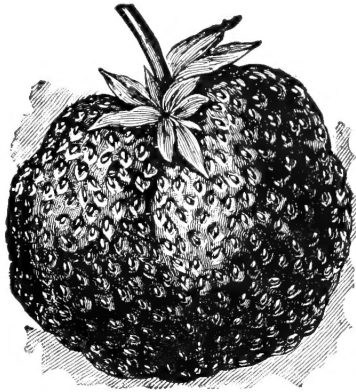
25 plants, \$1.15      100 plants, \$3.50  
50 plants, \$2.00      200 plants, \$6.00

**EARLY PREMIER**—Finest and earliest. Heavy cropper.  
25 plants, \$1.00      50 plants, \$1.75      100 plants, \$3.00

Strawberry Plants should be set 18 inches apart in the row and the rows 4 feet apart. Set the plants straight down. Do not try to hold the plants after receiving—set them out at once. Strawberry plants will not keep long after dug. They will dry out or rot if too wet.



Dunlap



Mastodon

### Everbearing Strawberry

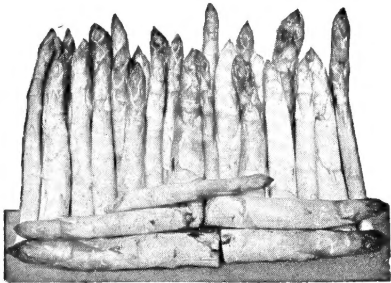
**MASTODON**—The elephant of strawberries, and bears lots of big berries from summer until frost. Plants set in April had ripe berries July 11th, and the first week in August 160 quarts every five days per acre, and in September 576 quarts per acre every five days. The late berries sure bring the price. This is the newest and best everbearer on the market today. Try a few of the plants. Supply limited. Order Early.

25 plants, \$2.00      50 plants, \$3.25  
100 plants, \$6.00

### PLANT SMALL FRUITS NOW

Small fruits planted this spring will bear next spring. Save on the cost of your fruit, **GROW YOUR OWN**. Get them started now.

Postage on Strawberries—10c on 25; 18c on 50; 25c on 100



Washington Asparagus

## ASPARAGUS

2 Year Roots

**NEW PARADISE**—This is a new variety of Asparagus and rated as one of the best. A tremendous grower, yielding two or three times as much as other kinds. Exceptionally large, of finest flavor and rust proof. Produces big, tender, delicious tips for many weeks.

\$1.00 for 12; \$1.50 for 25; \$2.50 for 50;  
\$4.50 for 100

**MARY WASHINGTON**—One of the best old stand-by varieties; makes a heavy growth, large, tender tips; can be cut early and runs a long season.

75c per 12; \$1.25 per 25; \$2.25 per 50; 4.50 per 100  
Postage—10c for 12; 15c for 25; 25c for 50

The Alpha Nursery has been growing fine nursery stock for 55 years, and we are proud of our record. The year 1946 finds us still living up to that enviable record. It is safe to order your wants by parcel post.

## RHUBARB

2 Year Size

**NEW STRAWBERRY**—An improved old time variety of Pie Plant, stock of medium size, very bright red, juicy, and of fine quality. 2 for 25c; 3 yr., 25c each.

**McDONNALD**—This is a new Red Rhubarb. It is grown from divisions, not from seed. It takes three years to develop a saleable plant. Here is something new and special Rhubarb. 75c each.

Postage—10c for 1; 15c for 2 or 3

## BLACKBERRIES

**ALFRED**—Very productive and hardy; extra fine quality; sweet flavor, without core; fruit very large, jet black. We think this is the best of blackberries.

12 plants, \$1.80      25 plants, \$3.25      50 plants, \$6.00

Postage—10c for 12; 15c for 25

## BOYSENBERRIES

**BOYSENBERRY**—Tremendous size, often 2 in. long—heavy fruiting—has thorns. Should be put on trellis. 12 plants, \$1.60      25 plants, \$3.00.

**THORNLESS BOYSENBERRY**—Canes smooth as velvet—early ripening—heavy bearer of large, black berries. 25c each; 3 plants, 70c; 6 for \$1.25; 12 for \$2.00.

## HORSERADISH

Whole Roots—3 for 50 cents

The snappy relish which is so good in the spring.

## SAGE

**BROADLEAF MAMMOTH SAGE**—Plants of strong growth, strong flavor.  
2 Yr. Plants, 25c each; 3 for 70c; 6 for \$1.25

## GOOSEBERRIES

2 Year Plants

65 cents each      3 for \$1.65

**HOUGHTON**—The sweetest of all Gooseberries. Pale red when fully ripe. Prolific bearer.

**JOSSLYN**—A large green fruiting kind; an immense cropper, always in demand.

**CHAMPION**—Fruit medium size, round. Bush very hardy and very productive; free from mildew. We think this is the best for general planting.

Postage—10c for 1; 18c for 3



Champion Gooseberry

## RASPBERRIES

Raspberries should be planted early—last of March and to May 1st.

Raspberry plants are very short this year. Better get your order in early, as it is doubtful if we can fill half our orders and first in first served.

### BLACK RASPBERRIES

**CUMBERLAND**—One of the largest of the blacks, very firm and of great productiveness, entitling it to first consideration. Good strong grower. Cumberland has been one of the leading varieties for years; we have tried many varieties but always go back to Cumberland.

Strong 1 Year Plants—12 plants, \$1.80; 25 plants, \$3.50; 50 plants, \$6.50; 100 plants, \$12.00

### RED RASPBERRIES

**LATHAM**—For general planting in all sections. LATHAM is one of the best because this hardy, vigorous grower can be depended upon. The fruit is large, solid, does not mush or break apart. This variety sprouts, as all reds do.

Strong 2 Year Plants—12 plants, \$2.10; 25 plants, \$4.00; 50 plants, \$7.50; 100 plants, \$14.00

### RED RASPBERRIES

**INDIAN SUMMER**—This is one of the newer varieties, bears large heavy crops in early July and will bear a large quantity of berries in the fall on the new canes that come up that year. Not classed as an everbearer. Fruit large and very solid, thimble shaped, rich red. Canes are strong and heavy. This variety sprouts.

Strong 2 Year Plants—12 plants, \$2.40; 25 plants, \$4.50; 50 plants, \$8.00; 100 plants, \$15.00

### RED RASPBERRIES

**ST. REGIS (Everbearing) RED**—An old-time red everbearing—bears all summer, but heavier in June and fall.

2 Year Plants—12 plants, \$1.80; 25 plants, \$3.50; 50 plants, \$6.00; 100 plants, \$10.00

## CURRENTS

2 Year—60 cents each; 3 for \$1.65

**PERFECTION**—One of the largest of red currents. Bunches large, medium heavy bearer.

**RED CROSS**—Large berries, bright red, bunches very compact.

**RED LAKE**—Large berries, bunches loose, heavy bearer, bright red.

Postage 10c for 1; 15c for 3

## BLUEBERRIES

4 Year, 12 to 18 inch plants—2 for \$3.50

Blueberries need damp soil with high acid content. Sawdust or Oak leaves heavily mulched around the plants will help. Supply very limited.

## 2 year GRAPE VINES

**CONCORD**—Black, the most popular grape in America; bunches and berries large, healthy and productive. 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

**MOORE'S EARLY**—Black, bunches medium size and very compact; berries large and of excellent quality; ripens ten days before Concord which makes it very desirable for market; very hardy, well suited for the North; one of the best. 40 cents each; 3 for \$1.15.

**NIAGARA**—A fine white grape. Produces large, compact, perfect bunches. Vine a strong, hardy grower. 40c each; 3 for \$1.15.

**BRIGHTON**—Bunches of good size, fruit when ripe is copper color with a sweet rich flavor; fine grape. 40c each; 3 for \$1.15.

Postage—10c for 1; 18c for 3

ALPHA NURSERY

ALPHA, ILLINOIS

Personally Select Your Trees, Evergreens and Plants

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# FRUIT TREES

All Our Fruit Trees Are Grown In Our Nursery at Alpha, Ill.

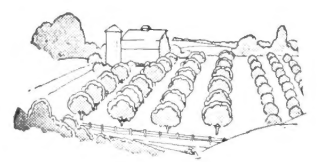
They are all hand sorted to insure good straight trees, with well shaped tops and good roots.  
All the varieties are adapted to this climate, as they are grown in this climate.

3 Yr. No. 1. Trees—5-6 Ft.  
\$2.00 each  
5 or more—\$1.90 each

## Apple Trees

[EXPRESS OR TRUCK ONLY]

2 yr., 4 to 5 feet trees  
\$1.50 each  
5 or more, \$1.40 each  
YELLOW TRANSPARENT, JONATHAN,  
RED DELICIOUS—  
We have above three kinds in this size.



### SUMMER VARIETIES

EARLY HARVEST—Medium, to large, roundish, bright straw color; flesh white, good quality. July.  
RED JUNE—Medium, oblong, hardy, and productive; deep red color; flesh white, tender, rich and sub-acid. August.

YELLOW TRANSPARENT—Medium, yellow, good quality, productive, early bearer. July.

### AUTUMN VARIETIES

DUCHESS OF OLDENBURG—Large size, roundish, streaked with red and yellow; flesh white, juicy, acid. September.  
FAMUESE (Snow)—Medium, deep crimson, flesh snowy white, tender. Tree slow crooked grower. October and November.  
WEALTHY—Large, roundish, smooth, nearly covered with dark red; flesh white, fine, juicy, sub-acid; quality very good; good grower and productive. October.  
ANOKA—A really good apple. Bears in two and three years. Fruit large and very much like Wealthy, ripening in late September to October. Very hardy and vigorous grower, very productive.  
McINTOSH RED—Beautiful red apple, snow white flesh. Fine quality. Very late fall apple.

### WINTER VARIETIES

ALL RED DELICIOUS—Has the same size, flavor and shape as the common Delicious, but this variety is a deep bright red, which completely covers the apple. Flesh is very white, crisp and very juicy. Heavy bearer.  
YELLOW DELICIOUS—Fruit golden yellow; flesh pure white; very crisp and juicy; very fine quality. Tree bears young with enormous crops. The old fruit growers claim this is the peak in apples.  
JONATHAN—Medium, nearly covered with brilliant stripes of lively red; very showy, juicy, excellent; trees spreading and slender; bears early. November to February.  
GRIMES GOLDEN—Medium golden yellow, with white dots, crisp, tender and juicy, excellent; tree vigorous, hardy and productive. November to January.  
STAYMAN'S WINESAP—Fruit large, striped, nearly covered with red; flesh greenish yellow, very juicy and aromatic; very good; a strong, spreading grower; a good, early bearer; the best of our late winter apples. January to May.  
TURLEY WINESAP—A large dark red apple of excellent quality. Tree is a vigorous grower and very productive; excellent eating apple and late keeper—January to May.  
NORTHERN SPY—Large red apple; good grower, making a nice tree. Late keeper.

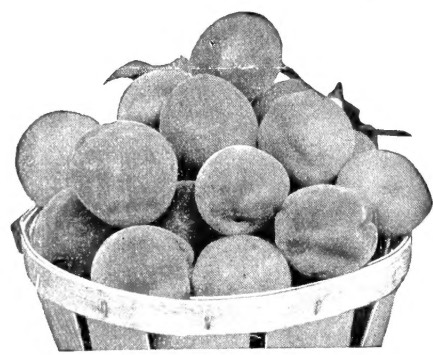
## 2 year--4 ft. CRAB APPLES \$2.00 each

RED SIBERIAN—Grows in clusters and the tree is simply loaded when fruiting. Bears very young; fruits in September. Use these for jelly and pickles. This is the little red one.

✓ WHITNEY—Fruit very large, yellow striped with red; flesh yellow, very juicy and fine grained, flavor rich and almost sweet. August.

## PEACH TREES

2 Yr. Trees—4 to 5 feet, \$1.50 each. 5 or more \$1.40 each



Peaches

Peach Trees can be sent by Parcel Post. The postage is 15c for 1 tree and 5c for each additional tree.

ROCHESTER—Large yellow freestone, highly flavored, ripens in September.  
VALIANT—Improved Elberta; highly colored; better quality; 2 weeks earlier.  
PIONEER—Large oval; white flesh; ripens in early August.

ELBERTA—The great American market peach; produces big, profitable crops. Fruit large, bright, attractive, yellow with crimson shading; flesh firm and of good quality. Will ripen perfectly when picked green. One of the best for home or market use. Free stone. September.  
CHAMPION—Fruit large, delicious, sweet, juicy; skin creamy white, with red cheek; handsome, hardy and productive, and a good shipper; adhering slightly to the stone. White flesh. August 15th.  
SOUTH HAVEN—One of the newer peaches grown much in Michigan. It stands our cold winters better than any of the other varieties. Flesh golden yellow; rich and sweet; firm, excellent shipper and keeper; freestone; ripens 2 to 3 weeks ahead of the Elberta. Tree is hardy, healthy and is a vigorous grower and heavy producer.  
GOLDEN JUBILEE—Large, yellow, freestone, fine flavored. Ripens about Sept. 1st.

## CHERRY TREES

3 Yr. Trees—5-6 feet heavy \$2.00 each. 5 or more \$1.90 each  
2 Yr. Trees—4-5 feet \$1.50 each. 5 or more \$1.40 each

EARLY RICHMOND—This is the early popular cherry that is planted so much. Medium red, hardy, immensely productive, ripens the last of June.  
MONTMORENCY—The large, late, dark red cherry. This cherry has become very popular on account of size. It is very meaty—ripens about 10 days later than the Richmond.

### SWEET CHERRIES

4 to 6 feet, \$3.00 each  
(By Express or Truck Only)

BING—Black—very large and meaty.  
SPANISH—Yellow—large and good flavor.  
Sweet Cherries need well drained soil, heavy in limestone.

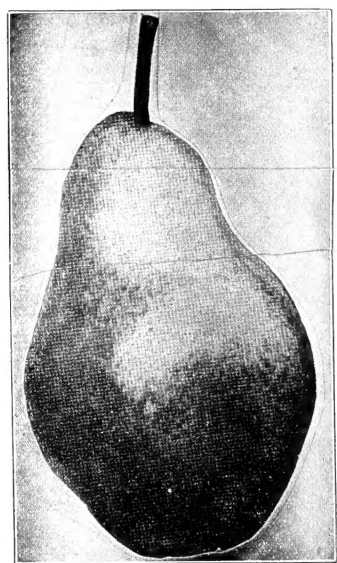
### WE CAN SHIP DIRECT TO YOU

If you do not care to use gas to come to our Nursery, we can ship your order. Express or Truck shipments will be delivered to your home if you have city delivery. Parcel Post shipments will be delivered to your home. Trees under 5 feet tall can be sent by Parcel Post. All Berry plants can be sent by Parcel Post. Trees over 5 feet must be sent by Express or Truck. When an order contains an assortment of fruit trees and plants, it is best and cheapest to go by Express.

## PEAR TREES

3 Yr. Trees  
5-6 ft., \$2.00 each  
5 or more trees, \$1.90 each  
Not Mailable

LINCOLN—Medium size, clear yellow flushed with red. Very hardy and very productive. Either canned or eaten fresh its flavor is delicious. Tree bears very young, and is a sure bearer from year to year.  
KEIFFER—The best late pear—does not ripen on the tree. Pick them before frost and lay them away. Heavy and sure bearer; good for canning. 7 to 8 feet, \$1.00.  
SECKLE—The small, sweet pear. Surely fine to eat from the tree. The tree is low grower, but very hardy. September.  
DOUGLAS—Here is a BLIGHT-FREE PEAR—in which is combined the best qualities and habits of all leading varieties—with the drawbacks of none. It bears even more profusely than the Keiffer. It begins to bear at an earlier age than any other pear on earth. It ranks with the best in shape, size and coloring.  
CLAPPS FAVORITE—Fine late summer Pear; fine grained, very much like Bartlett, but much better in our soil.  
DUCHESS—Largest Pear grown. Fruit slightly sweet. Fine eating and canning pear.



Pears

## HARDY APRICOTS

2 Year Trees—4 to 5 feet, \$2.50 each  
(Not Mailable)

MOOR-PARK—Large size, golden yellow, egg shaped. This is the kind you buy in boxes at the store.  
SUPERB—Medium size, round, heavy producer, good quality.

## PLUM TREES

2 Yr. Trees—4 to 6 feet, \$2.00 each  
(Not Mailable)

GRAND DUKE—Very large; very dark red; very good flavor.  
OMAHA—Very large; red; good flavor.  
OPATA—Small fruit. Very heavy bearer; purplish-red skin, green flesh. Bears very young.  
UNDERWOOD—Large size, skin greenish yellow with red, flesh golden yellow; juicy and sweet. Very hardy and productive bearer. One of the best.  
GREEN GAGE—Large, skin greenish, good flavor.  
LOMBARD—Skin violet red, flesh gold yellow, good quality.  
DAMSON—The small blue plum; heavy bearer.



# EVERBLOOMING ROSES

10  
for  
\$9.50



2 Yr. No. 1 Plants, \$1.10 each  
3 for \$3.00



Our Roses are all 2 years old, strong field Northern grown, and are equal to any roses on the market, and are not to be compared with cheap Southern grown stock. The following varieties are selected as best adapted for the climate, and the selection was made thru experience and trial.

Always ask for our free Rose Instruction Sheet

ETOIL DE HOLLANDE—Velvet crimson maroon. Large very double—vigorous grower.

GRUSS an TEPLITZ (Crimson)—An extremely useful and dependable variety, succeeding well all over the United States. A profusion of beautiful, clear, crimson scarlet fragrant flowers, borne from June until frost. A vigorous and shapely plant.

PINK RADIANCE (Silvery Pink)—Vigorous upright bushy plants bear a continuous supply of very large, light silvery pink to salmon pink flowers on long, strong stems.

RED RADIANCE (Deep Red)—Vigorous, upright bushy plant, bearing a continuous supply of very large, beautiful deep red globular flowers.

E. G. HILL (E. G. Hill Co., 1929)—A new red rose of striking form and color. Long, perfectly formed buds opening to high centered, full double flowers of dazzling scarlet shading to deeper red as they develop. Free flowering, vigorous.

PRES. HOOVER (Creamy Yellow with Pink and Flame tints)—Long pointed buds. Very heavy bloomer. This was one of our best growers the past summer.

MRS. E. P. THOM—A bright lemon yellow. Long pointed buds, good bloomer, very fragrant. One of the newest roses.

K. VICTORIA—Pure white, slightly blushed at center. A fine bedding type.

JOANNA HILL—Large yellow with bronze shading in center—very fragrant; vigorous grower.

PINK DAWN—Handsome flowers of silvery rose pink.

McGREDY'S YELLOW—An outstanding yellow rose; long pointed buds which open into perfect flowers. Very free blooming.

AMERICAN BEAUTY—Deep pink shaded soft carmine.

GENERAL JACK—Very large dark red. Strong upright grower. An old-time favorite.

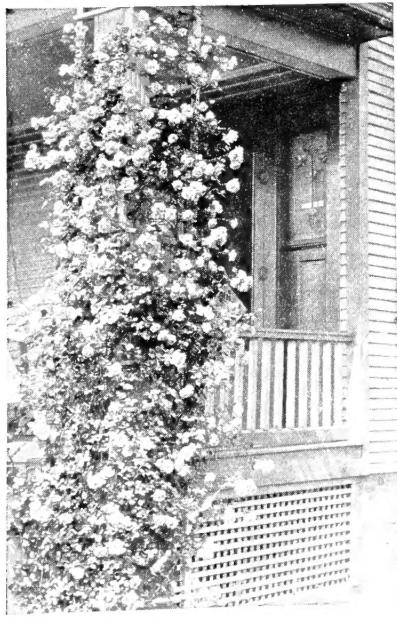
## FLORIBUNDA ROSES

The Floribunda group of Roses represents a new class of Roses, especially bred for hardiness, ease of culture and mass color effects. They are disease resistant, bloom continuously in large clusters. These roses only grow to a medium height, about two to three feet when matured. They are a very hardy, heavy blooming cluster type group.

2 Year No. 1 Plants—\$1.00 each.

GOLDEN SALMON SUPERIOR—Golden Salmon blooms, very heavy clusters of small double blooms. Very showy, colorful variety.

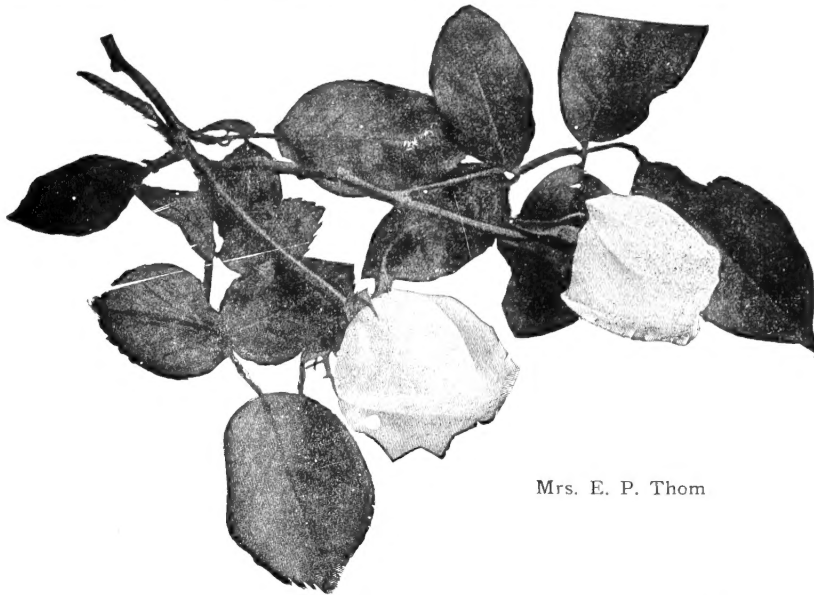
EDITH CAVELL—Dark red roses in clusters; hardy and very heavy bloomers.



Primrose Yellow



Climbing American Beauty



Mrs. E. P. Thom

## HOW TO GROW ROSES

Roses need plenty of sun and good rich soil. We have found that they do better if planted in beds. The rose bed should be top dressed with 2 to 3 inches of cattle or sheep manure, and add a cup full of bone meal to each plant then spade under the whole works to a depth of 10 to 12 inches, then set the roses. Plant 12 to 18 inches apart and 3 to 5 inches deeper than they grew in the nursery.

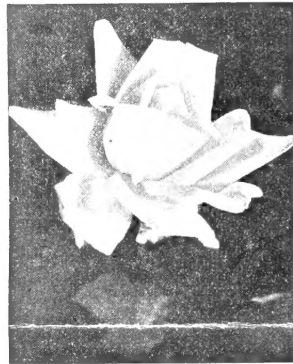
Roses need to be sprayed often and regularly every 10 days with BLACK LEAF 40. Use 1 oz. to 5 gallons water and add 1/2 pound BORDEAUX MIXTURE. This spray will control bugs and leaf spot.

Keep the rose bed well cultivated. Also keep all the old bloom picked off.

Late in the fall after the leaves are off the EVERBLOOMING ROSES (only) should be cut back to within 6 to 8 inches of the ground and covered with soil. Mound the soil up as high as possible. In the early spring remove the mound of soil and give the bed a good top dressing of manure.



Gruss an Teplitz



Joanna Hill

## PLANT ROSES EARLY



Roses planted during the month of April do much better, and should bloom within 60 days from time of planting.

## 2 year CLIMBING ROSES \$1.00

3 plants, \$2.85

PAUL'S SCARLET (Orange Scarlet)—The popular new shade. A vigorous climber on single stems. Our best climber.

DOROTHY PERKINS (Red)—Medium size rose, very hardy; plant makes heavy foliage, excellent for trellis or fences.

PRIMROSE (Yellow)—Hardy double. One of the few good yellow climbers.

CLIMBING AMERICAN BEAUTY—Flowers rich red to crimson, very large; excellent for cutting.

DR. VAN FLEET—Very large double pink, on single stems; very fine for cut flowers.

## ROSE GROOTENDORST

(For Hedges)

The freest blooming variety in the Eskimo Beauty family. It is a strong grower, reaching a height of 4 to 5 feet. Blooms in clusters all season long. The individual flower resembles a small red carnation. An excellent plant for shrubbery planting and for rose hedges.

2 Year Plants, 95 cents each 5 or more 80 cents each

## CHOICE DAHLIAS

GALLANT FOX—Velvet Red, very large. Good bloomer.

JERSEY BEAUTY—Fine Pink, very large. Good bloomer.

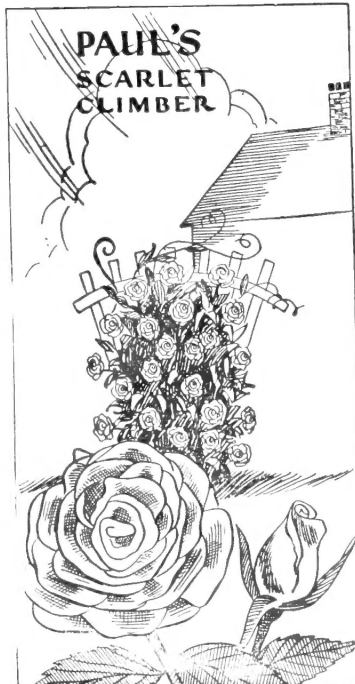
MRS. G. LEBOUTILLER—Rich Velvet Carmine. Giant flowers.

RED JERSEY BEAUTY—Bright Red. Large, fine bloomer.

WHITE KING—The leading Pure White.

YELLOW COLOSSAL—Giant flower, Lemon Yellow.

50 cents each 6 for \$2.75 (one of each)



WE CAN SHIP ROSES  
DIRECT TO YOU

Parcel Post Rates

1 plant 10c  
3 plants 20c  
6 plants 25c  
10 plants 30c

Our Roses are Extra Select  
The Best Grade That  
Money Can Buy



# HARDY SHRUBS

Shrubs make a quick and inexpensive planting, and with proper selection will bloom all summer. Our shrubs are grown in our Nursery at Alpha and are fresh dug from rich, black soil

## SHRUBS

### Hardy Low-Growing

75c each 3 for \$1.80

These shrubs are all low growing. They grow from 3 to 4 feet tall. They are excellent varieties for foundation planting or where low shrubs are needed. The plants are all strong 2 year.



Pink Spirea

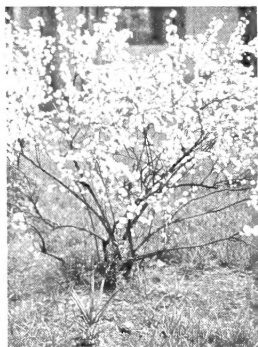
**SPIREA FROBELLII**—Pink Spirea. Grows 3 to 3½ feet, large flat pink bloom in May and June, also blooming a little later in summer.

**SPIREA ANTHONY WATERER**—Pink Spirea. Grows 2½ to 3 feet, flowers dark pink, bloom all summer.

**SPIREA THUMBERGI**—This Spirea blooms in April, with small white flowers which just cover the shrub. Grows 3 to 4 feet tall.

**JAPAN QUINCE**—This is the popular flowering Quince, the crimson blooms come out before the leaves appear. Foliage very dark glossy green. Grows 3 to 4 feet.

**ALMONDS PINK**—This is the shrub that blooms early in May with small pink rose-like flowers.



Flowering Almond



Spirea Thumbergi

We can ship 2 year Shrubs by Parcel Post. Shrubs marked NOT MAIL-ABLE will have to go by EXPRESS.

#### PARCEL POST RATES ON SHRUBS

15c each  
20c for 3 plants  
30c for 5 plants

### Hardy Medium-Growing

75c each 3 for \$1.80

These shrubs are all of medium height. They grow from 4 to 6 feet and are suitable for foundation and shrubbery borders. The plants are all strong 2 year old.

**GOLDEN BELL (Forsythia)**—This shrub has yellow bell shaped flowers early in the spring before the leaves appear.

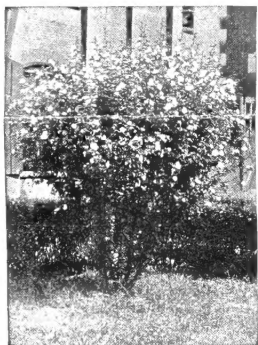
**SPIREA VAN HOUTEI**—This is the much planted Bridal Wreath. White flowers in early June.

**SYRINGA LEMONINE**—This is a medium growing Syringa, white flowers in May. A good thick bushy shrub.

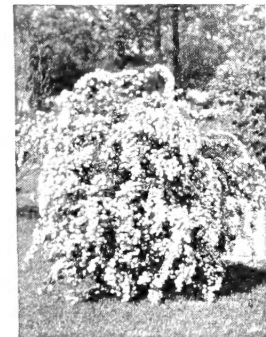
**WEIGELIA RED**—Deep green foliage. Crimson flowers in June.

**WEIGELIA PINK**—Deep green foliage. Pink flowers.

**ALTHEA (Rose of Sharon)**—An upright shrub. Blooms late summer. Large hollyhock-like flowers. We have them in blue, pink and white. State color.



Althea



Spirea Van Houtei

### Hardy Tall-Growing

75c each 3 for \$1.80

These shrubs are all tall or high growing. They grow from 6 to 8 feet tall and are used for tall screens or to enclose yards, and corner planting of foundation. They are all strong 2 year old plants.

**BEAUTY BUSH**—This is a new shrub, very hardy. The blooms are pinkish white and appear in June. This shrub attracted wide attention last summer.

**SNOWBALL**—This is an old favorite of the tall growing shrubs; large round white flowers in late May. Grows 6 to 8 feet tall.

**CRANBERRY Highbush**—This shrub has heavy large foliage; white flowers in large heads, followed by bright red berries in the fall.

**LANTANA**—Beautiful wrinkle Lantana like leaves, white flowers in May and June; the berries range in color from crimson to black. Good for shady places.

**TAMARIX**—This is the tall shrub with feathery foliage and long sprays of pink blooms.

**GOLDEN ELDER**—Golden yellow foliage. White blooms followed by black berries. A big grower.



Tamarix



Cranberry Highbush

### FRENCH LILAC

4 to 5 feet Plants  
\$2.50 each



The following are some of the best varieties of the French Lilacs. They are more dwarf than the common varieties; the blooms are larger and of better color, they also bloom much younger. These Lilacs are grafted on Privet or Ash and do not sprout. They should be planted 3 or 4 inches deeper than they grew in the Nursery. Every home should have a few of these Lilacs.

**JEANNE D'ARC**—Double, white.

**CHARLES X**—Single Reddish Purple.

**CONGO**—Single, deep purple.

### COMMON LILAC

**LILAC (Common Purple)**—Grows 6 to 8 feet. Lavender purple flowers. This is the old fashioned purple lilac with the sweet scented flowers in May. 2 to 3 ft. plants, 75 cents each.

### PERSIAN LILAC

3 to 4 feet, \$1.00 each 12 to 18 inches, 60 cents each

**PERSIAN LILAC**—Upright vigorous grower, reddish purple flowers in April and May. This Lilac blooms very young, and is very hardy; stands dry weather; much used for hedges or tall screens. 3 to 4 ft. plants, \$1.00 each; 12 to 18 inch plants, 50 cents each.

### HYDRANGEAS

**HYDRANGEA P. G. (Pink)**—Large cone shaped flowers in the fall, turning pink with the frost. Can be cut for winter.

3 to 3½ ft. plants, \$1.50 each  
18 to 24 inch plants, 75 cents each

**HILLS SNOW (Hydrangea)**—The summer-blooming kind. Round white flowers like snowballs. Grows about 4 feet.

3 to 3½ ft. plants, \$1.00 each



Hydrangea—P. G.

### SYRINGA

**SYRINGA (Mock Orange)**

This is the sweet scented syringa used for hedges and tall screens. Fast upright grower. Can be trimmed to almost any height. Will grow 8 to 10 feet tall. An excellent shrub to enclose your back yard.

3 year, 3 to 4 ft. plants, \$1.00 each 3 or more, 85 cents each  
2 years, 18 to 24 inch plants, 60 cents each 5 or more, 50 cents each

**SYRINGA (Everblooming)**

This is a semi-double, large white flower. Blooms very heavy in June, then lighter during the summer. Better as a specimen plant, as it is not a thick and heavy grower.

3 to 4 ft. plants, \$1.00

### HONEYSUCKLE (Bush)

3 year, 3 to 4 ft. plants, \$1.00 each 3 or more, 75 cents each  
2 year, 18 to 24 inch plants, 60 cents each 5 or more, 50 cents each

This shrub is covered with light red flowers in June, followed by bright red berries, which hang on all summer. A fine shrub for tall hedges or screens. Can be trimmed to any height. Should be trimmed as it grows, which will make it more compact.

### EUONYMUS

**EUONYMUS (Alatus)**

One of the best hardy Euonymus. A compact, slow growing bush with corky winged bark. Foliage turns brilliant red with first frost. Bright red berries well into winter.

2 to 3 ft. plants, \$1.00 each

**EUONYMUS (Wahoo)**

A hardy native shrub, producing a wealth of scarlet berries. Foliage brilliant in the fall.

2 to 3 ft. plants, \$1.00 each

### HYPERICUM

3 year, 18 to 24 inch plants, \$1.00 each

**GOLDEN ST. JOHNWORT.** This is somewhat of a new shrub for this locality. We have had a few plants in the Nursery for years, but never offered it for sale. Very hardy. Bright yellow flowers in July-August. Foliage stays green very late in the fall. Grows about 3½ feet. If trimmed a little will make a very compact round bush. A very showy shrub.

### BLUE LEAF ARTIC WILLOW

3 year, 18 to 24 inch plants, \$1.00 each

This is a charming low growing willow. Foliage a silver blue; suited for low hedges or borders, also fine for individual plants along the foundation. Can be trimmed, which makes it very compact. Does not bloom.

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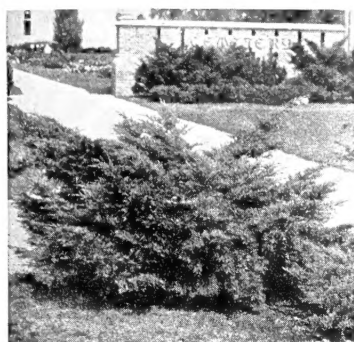
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# PLANT EVERGREENS

## For All Year Beauty

The following Evergreens are all balled in burlap. It is best that you call at our Nursery, select your Evergreens, and take them with you, as these sizes are hard to ship. However, we can ship them by Dohrn or Burlington Truck. These trees have to be boxed or packed separately in baskets.



Pfitzer Juniper

### LOW OR SPREADING TYPE EVERGREENS

**PFITZER JUNIPER** — This is one of the most popular spreading type evergreens; very hardy, will grow in almost any soil and in any condition. Bluish-green in color, soft heavy foliage. Grows 3 to 4 ft. tall and with a 5 to 6 ft. spread.

12-15 in.	\$2.00
15-18 in.	3.50
18-24 in.	5.00
2-3 ft.	8.00

**ANDORA JUNIPER**—A most satisfactory low spreading type. In fall it turns silver with bronzy-red undercast, changing to bright green during summer. Grows 20 in. tall and 4 to 5 ft. spread.

18-24 in.	\$4.00
3-3½ ft.	6.50

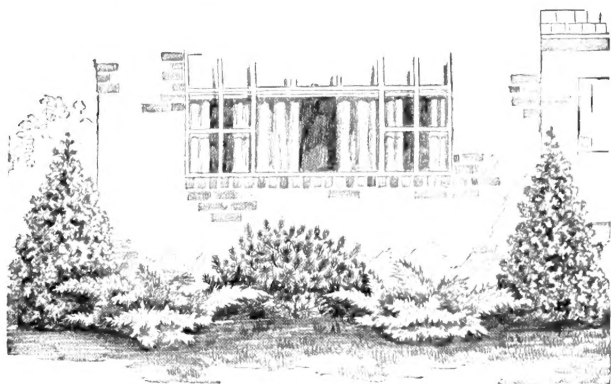
### PROCUMBUS JUNIPER—

A very low spreading type, about 14 to 16 in. tall and 3 to 4 ft. spread. Bluish-green foliage.

3-3½ ft. Sheared	\$7.50
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**GOLDEN JUNIPER**—One of the new evergreens with golden yellow colored foliage, changing to an old gold color in fall.

3 to 4 feet	\$6.50
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**YEW (Spreading)**—Handsome, very dark green shiny foliage. This variety becomes more in demand every year. Spreading in growth but will grow 4 to 5 ft. tall; can very easily be clipped to any shape.

18 to 24 inch Trees	\$5.00 each
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**HEMLOCK**—Upright grower; long graceful branches with weeping effect; foliage very dark green; does best in damp shady places.

5 ft. Trees	\$7.50 each
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**DOUGLAS FIR**—An upright tree with deep green lustrous foliage. Withstands drought, and immuned from Red Spider; fast growing.

12 to 15 in. Trees	\$3.00
2 to 3 ft. Trees	\$4.50
3 to 4 ft. Trees	\$6.50

**CONCOLOR FIR**—This fir is often taken for Blue Spruce as many of the trees have bluish foliage. Long graceful needles, very thick on the branches; upright in growth. Rapid in growth, very hardy. Makes large tree, so give plenty of room.

4 to 5 ft. Trees	\$8.00
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**AUSTRIAN PINE**—This is the tree with long needles often 3 to 5 inches long; tight, compact grower; stands dry weather and poor soil, and still a fast grower.

12 to 15 in.—bare roots	each \$1.00
24 to 30 in.—B and B	4.50
3½ to 4 ft.—B and B	6.50



**EVERGREENS ARE NOT HARD TO GROW.** All they need is a little reasonable care—and most of this care is water and a little cultivation. Water is very important, as 70 per cent of evergreens that die is from lack of WATER. One good watering, once a week, is much better than watering every day, and when you water put 10 to 15 gallons of water to each tree—but don't wet the tops.

**ALL OUR EVERGREENS ARE GROWN AT THE NURSERY IN ALPHA.** They are all fresh dug from our fields. This is very important, as evergreens dry out fast, and if they are out of the ground very long, they will be a sure loss.

**IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY EVERGREENS FROM THE GROWER.**

### TALL PYRAMIDAL AND UPRIGHT EVERGREENS

**VIRGINIA JUNIPER**—This is one of the oldest and most popular evergreens. It is well adapted to our climate and will stand the smoke and gas of the city. A fast grower. With a little trimming it makes a perfect pyramidal tree.

18-24 in.	each \$2.50
2-3 ft.	3.50
4-4½ ft.	5.00
6-8 ft.	10.00
3-3½ ft.—Sheared	5.00
3½-4½ ft.—Sheared	7.50



Virginia Juniper

**COLORADO JUNIPER**—This is a very refined upright growing evergreen, with fine bluish-green foliage. Stands lots of dry hot weather.

18-24 in.	\$3.50
2-3 ft.	4.00
5-5½ ft.	6.50
6-7 ft.	8.00
7-8 ft.	14.00

**CANNARTI JUNIPER**—An upright grower, with very dark green foliage; holds its color all year. Has blue berries, which hang on all winter. Grows 6 to 8 feet.

2-3 ft.	\$3.50
4-5 ft.	7.00

**CHINESE JUNIPER**—A fine upright evergreen with blue-green foliage—a very hardy fast-growing tree, which stands our hot summers—out of the Pfitzer family.

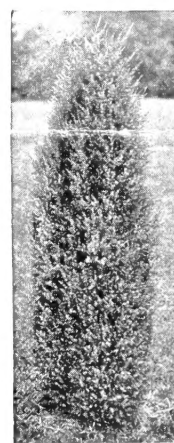
3-4 ft.	\$5.00
4-5 ft.	7.50

**KETTELER'S JUNIPER**—A fine upright open growing evergreen, with dark green, heavy foliage. It is well adapted for our climate—does not burn out.

3-4 ft.	\$7.50
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**MASCULA JUNIPER**—An upright pyramidal type tree with dark foliage, interwoven with silver foliage. This tree has two distinct types of foliage. A very hardy evergreen. Grows 6 to 8 ft.

3-4 ft.	\$7.50
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Colorado Juniper

**Our Evergreens are all Fresh Dug from the field where they are grown. We grow all our Evergreens in our Nursery at Alpha.**

**ARBOR VITEA (AMERICAN)**—A pyramidal tree with wide base, used for hedges or screens. Grows 10 to 12 feet, can be clipped to any shape or size.

4 to 4½ ft.	\$5.50 each
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**SPRUCE (BLACK HILL)**—A tree of fine form; a broad compact pyramid, densely covered with short stiff needles of dark green. Can be used in many places, from windbreaks to foundation planting, as this tree can be clipped to any size.

8 to 12 in.—bare roots	\$ .50 each
12 to 18 in.—balled	2.00 each
18 to 24 in.—balled	3.50 each
2 to 3 ft.—balled	4.00 each
3 to 4 ft.—balled	6.50 each
4 to 5 ft.—balled	8.50 each

**COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE** — This is the tree with the silvery-blue foliage; branches in even layers from top to bottom.

18 to 24 in. Trees	\$7.00 each
2 to 3 ft. Trees	\$9.00 to \$12.00 each

**MOREHEIM BLUE SPRUCE** — This is the true grafted blue spruce; every tree blue and will stay blue as long as the tree lives. Supply very limited.

15 to 18 in. Trees	\$ 7.50 each
18 to 24 in. Trees	10.00 each



Colorado Blue Spruce

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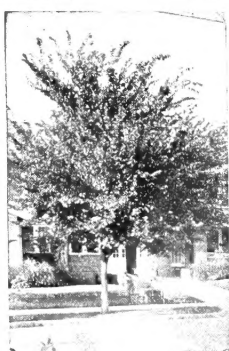
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# SHADE TREES

## Air Condition Your Home!

Shade Trees Not Mailable



Chinese Elm

### CHINESE ELM

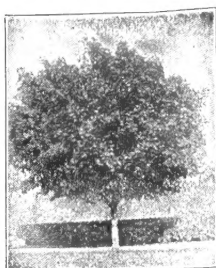
This new Elm is one of the most popular shade trees we have. Fast growing, free from disease; stands dry weather. Can be trimmed to any shape.

12 to 14 ft. trees, 1½-2 in.	\$7.00
10 to 12 ft. trees, 1¼-1½ in.	5.00
8 to 10 ft. trees	3.50
7 to 8 ft. trees	1.50
2-3 ft.	10 for \$1.00; 50 for \$3.50

### MAPLES

#### Hard Maple

Slow growing but a tough, long lasting tree. 8-10 ft. trees, \$4.50 each.



Hard Maple

#### Norway Maple

Very much like Hard Maple but a little faster growing.

8-10 ft. trees	\$5.00 each
Schwedlers Maple	
The red leaf Maple.	
8 to 10 ft. trees	\$6.00
10-12 ft. trees	\$7.50

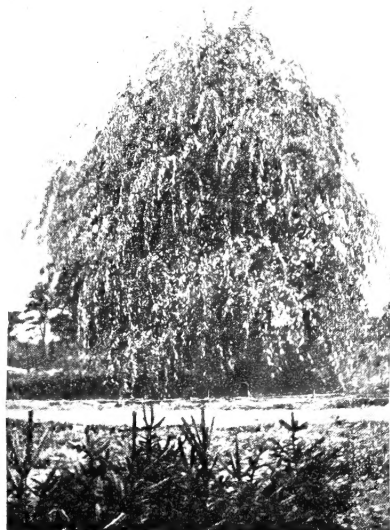
**FLOWERING CRAB (Bechtel's)**—The only genuine double flowered crab. Makes a medium sized tree; perfectly hardy, succeeds well in most soils. When in bloom appears to be covered with delicate pink, perfectly double small roses of delicious fragrance. 3 to 4 ft., \$1.50.

**PURPLE LEAFED PLUMS**—The Purple Plums are becoming very much in demand, as they are very showy with their purple foliage throughout the summer. The trees are small, compact in growth, and are suitable for the lawn or shrubbery border. A few of these trees placed about your home will add greatly to your planting. 3 to 4 ft. Trees, \$1.50 each.

**JUDAS TREE (Red Bud)**—A small growing tree of irregular form, with heart-shaped leaves. It is covered with bright pink blossoms early in spring before the leaves appear; and is largely used in groups of shrubs and small trees to give color for this early season. 3-4 ft. Trees, \$1.00 each.

**ELM AM. WHITE**—This is a splendid tree for street or lawn. It is fast growing and will give a lot of shade. 6 to 8 ft. Trees, \$1.50; 8 to 10 ft., \$3.50.

**MOLINE ELM**—This is a tall slim growing Elm, very much like our slim poplars only the Elm is much longer lived. Has very large dark green leaves. Grows 40 to 50 feet tall. 6 to 8 ft. Trees, \$3.50 each; 8 to 10 ft., \$5.00 each.



Wisconsin Willow

### WILLOWS

**WEeping WISCONSIN WILLOW**—A graceful weeping tree; long narrow leaves, green bark. 4-5 ft. trees, 70c each.  
8 to 10 ft. Heavy, \$4.50 each

**PUSSY WILLOW**—A shrub-like tree; has furry catkins in early spring; fast growing. 3-4 ft. bush trees, \$1.00.

Come to the Nursery and select your own Shade Trees. You save money in this way; also you see just what you are buying.

## VINES and CLEMATIS

Strong 2 Year Plants

75 cents each      3 for \$2.00      Postage 10 cents

**WISTERIA (Purple)**—One of the finest climbers, of rapid growth, and perfectly hardy, with long, pendulous clusters of bluish purple. Flowers in June. Grafted plants sure to bloom.

**ENGLEMAN'S IVY**—It is one of the finest ivies we have. The brilliant coloring of the leaves in autumn, together with perfect hardiness, makes it a valuable climber for covering brick or stone walls. Where hardiness is necessary, the Engleman will be found much superior to Boston ivy.

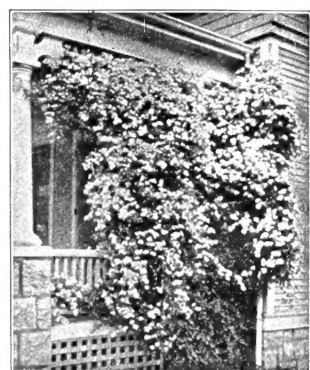
**AMERICAN IVY**—The well known native vine with five parted leaves, that change to rich crimson in autumn; berries blue black; very rapid grower and perfectly hardy.

**BOSTON IVY**—This is one of the finest hardy climbers we have for covering walls, as it clings firmly to the smoothest surface, covering closely with overlapping foliage, giving appearance of shingles. The color is a fresh deep green in summer, changing to the brightest shades of crimson and yellow in autumn.

**HONEYSUCKLE (Scarlet Trumpet)**—One of the handsomest in cultivation; coral flowers; very vigorous and hardy; blooming all summer.

**BITTERSWEET**—A native vine that is especially ornamental in fall and winter, with brilliant orange and scarlet fruit.

**SILVER LACE VINE**—A strong vigorous vine attaining a height of over 25 feet, it has all summer and fall a great mass of foamy sprays of white flowers which turn rose colored as they begin to fade, and the combination of the white and rose make a very pretty picture.



Paniculata

**GOLDEN FLAME (Honeysuckle)**—New ever-blooming Honeysuckle vine, blooms from early summer until frost. Red flame outside, yellow inside.

### Clematis

Postage 10c

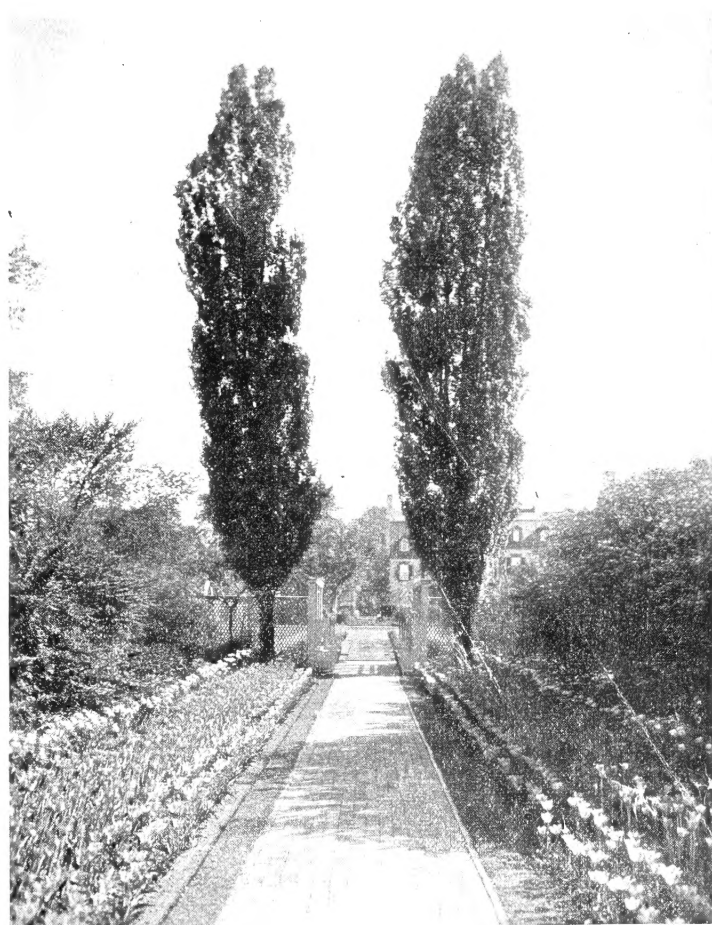
I list here below two popular varieties of the large flowering Clematis and one of the small white flowering. Clematis need a little extra attention to get them started. Once started they grow for years.

**JACKMANNI**—The well-known purple flowering Clematis. Flowers 4 to 6 inches across. 2 year Field Grown Plants, \$1.00 each.

**MME. EDW. ANDRE**—A robust plant blooming freely. Violet red flower 3 to 4 inches across. 2 year Field Grown Plants, \$1.00 each.

**PANICULATA**—The small flowering sweet scented white clematis. One of the most vigorous and beautiful climbers. 3 year Field Grown Plants, 75c each.

The Spreading Growth of SHADE TREES will Create Much Comfort for Your Home. Your property will increase in value by the pleasant surroundings.



Lombardy Poplar

**LOMBARDY POPLAR (P. Fastigiata)**—Attains a height of from fifty to one hundred feet; well known for its erect, rapid growth and tall spiry form; indispensable tree for landscape gardening, to break the monotony of most other trees. 4-5 ft. Whips, 35c each; 6-8 ft. Trees, 75c each; 8-10 ft. Trees, \$1.50 each

**PIN OAK**—One of the most popular of all the Oaks; fast growing, easily transplanted, red foliage in fall.

4 to 5 ft., \$1.00 each; 8 to 10 ft., \$4.50 each

**GREEN ASH**—Medium size tree of thick pyramidal habit; splendid shade tree. 8 to 10 ft. Trees, \$2.50 each

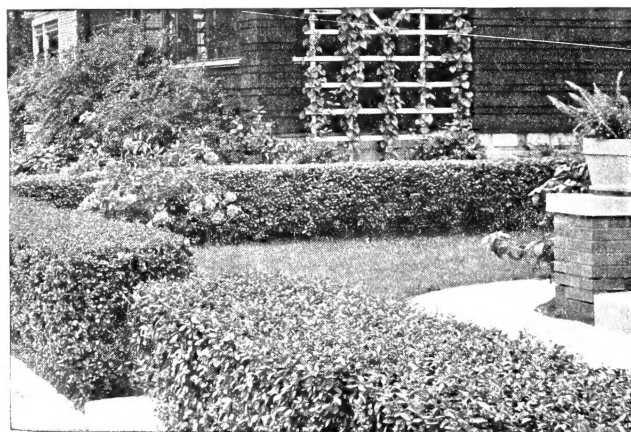
**SILVER MAPLE**—A fast growing tree; leaves silver under side. 8 to 10 ft. Trees, \$3.50      12 to 14 ft. Trees, \$5.00

**SYCAMORE**—Large, handsome leaves; smooth, light colored bark; good, strong growing tree. 8 to 10 ft. Trees, \$2.50

**POPULAR BOLLEANA**—A rapid growing columnar tree; silver foliage; green bark. 8 to 10 ft. Trees, \$4.00

## PLANT A HEDGE...

Postage on Hedge Plants—12c per 12; 35c per 100



**Amoor River Privet**  
Makes a Fine, Hardy Hedge

Special  
12 to 18 in. Plants  
\$1.50 per 10  
\$12.00 per 100  
2 to 3 ft. Plants  
\$2.00 per 10  
\$18.00 per 100

### AMOO RIVER PRIVET

This is the hardy type of privet so much used for hedges. Has glossy green foliage which hangs on very late in the fall. This variety of Privet can be trimmed at any time into any shape. Plant Amoor Privet no matter where you live, it will increase the value of your place.

### BRIDAL WREATH (Spirea Van Houttei)

Grandest of Spireas, one of the best of shrubs; complete fountain of pure white bloom in May and June. The foliage and bush shape is ornamental the year round. Fine for tall hedge or screen. Also much used for foundation planting.

Special—18-24 in. Plants, \$2.00 per 10  
2-3 ft., 45c each; 10 for \$4.00      3-4 ft. 60c each      10 for \$5.00

### JAPANESE BARBERRY

The finest of all the Barberries, grown in compact form, spiny stems, foliage fine and dense, changing to brilliant red in fall, the clusters of red berries hanging on all winter. Much used for hedge and borders. Considered by many to be the most valuable foreign shrub grown. This Barberry is recommended by the Government. It does not have the wheat rust.

Special—12-18 in. Plants, \$2.50 per 10      \$18.00 per 100

### CHINESE ELM

The Chinese Elm is a very good fast growing tall hedge or screen plant. Very fast growing. Will stand hot weather. 2 to 3 ft. plants, \$1.00 for 10 plants; \$3.50 for 50; \$6.00 per 100.

### PERSIAN LILAC

This is a fast, early blooming lilac, which is very good for hedges and screens. Can be trimmed any time and any height. 12-18 in. plants, 60c each; 3-4 ft., \$1.00.

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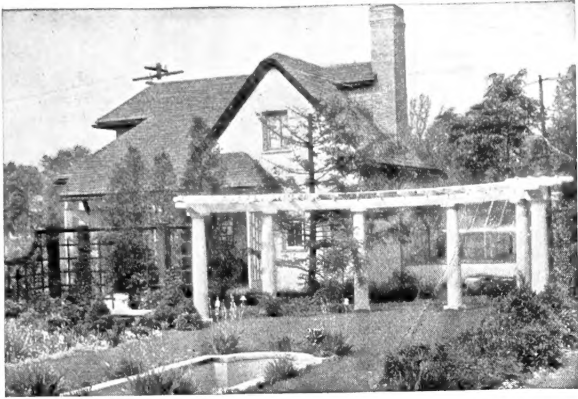
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# W I R T ' S LAWN SEED



## YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR NURSERY

We are open Sun-  
days for your con-  
venience. Hundreds  
of people visit our  
Nursery during the  
growing season and  
take their purchases  
with them, thus hav-  
ing the advantage of  
making their own  
selections.

## Wirt's High Grade Lawn Grass Seed

**WIRT'S VELVET LAWN GRASS**—This is our own mixture and contains only the  
top grade seed—Kentucky Blue Grass, Redtop and White Dutch Clover.  
80c per lb.; 5 lbs., \$3.75; 10 lbs. or more, 70c per lb.

**WIRT'S SHADY LAWN GRASS**—This seed is blended especially to build up a lawn  
where shade is to be considered. This seed is for sowing under trees and shady  
places where the ordinary seed does not succeed well.  
1 lb. pkg., 90c 5 lb. pkg., \$4.25

**KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS**—Valuable for pepping up old lawns. Choice heavy seed.  
1 lb. pkg., 70c 5 lb. pkg., \$3.25

**FESCUE CHEWING**—\$1.25 per lb.  
This is the fine hair-like grass that comes up in many lawns. Will grow in poor acid  
soil where other grasses fail. Needs very little mowing.

**ABOUT LAWN GRASS**—No one kind of grass will make a lawn that will keep beautifully green  
throughout the season, but a mixture of several is essential. Our Velvet Lawn mixture is a splendid  
grass, giving quick and satisfying results. The shady lawn for under trees and shady spots. Our Grass  
Seed does not contain Timothy, but Fescue, Red Top and Bent. Our seed is fresh 1945 crop.  
**QUANTITY OF SEED TO USE**—1 lb. to 300 square feet of lawn or double this amount if a quick  
lawn is wanted.

## • Fertilizers • Wirt's High Grade Fertilizers

The use of fertilizer is a very important factor in the growing of all fruits, trees, vegetables, lawns  
and especially small fruits, as there is very little humus turned under to enrich the soil. Everything is  
taken out of the soil to produce growth. The three most important chemicals to produce growth and  
fruit are Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potash. The Nitrogen produces top growth, Phosphorus helps set  
the fruit or seed, and Potash helps set root crops. But all three are necessary, and should be in  
balanced proportion. Nitrogen is the first that should be added. If Nitrogen is short, the other two  
chemicals will be almost useless, and too much Nitrogen will cause too heavy a growth, with very  
little set of fruit; therefore, Phosphorus and Potash are added to make the set. It is therefore better  
to use a balanced fertilizer, and use it in small quantities, starting early in spring and at intervals  
throughout the growing season—but not in the fall, as it causes late growth and this new growth will  
winter kill.

**MANY FERTILIZERS HAVE BEEN OFF THE MARKET—OR VERY LIMITED—DURING  
THE WAR YEARS, BUT NOW MANY ARE BACK AGAIN. SO NOW IS THE TIME TO  
START BUILDING UP YOUR LAWNS AND GARDENS.**

**SHEEP MANURE**—This is a natural fertilizer, odorless and free from weed seed—suitable for trees,  
grass, fruits, vegetables. Use as a top dressing on your garden and lawn in early spring. Use at  
rate of 100 lbs. to 1,000 square feet.  
10 lb. bags .....\$ .65 50 lb. bags .....\$2.00  
25 lb. bags .....\$1.25 100 lb. bags .....\$3.20

**MILORGANITE**—A unique plant food, scientifically prepared, free from weed seed. Easy to apply  
without danger of burning. Excellent for lawn and garden use. Use 100 lbs. for 50 x 100 ft.  
25 lbs. \$1.25 50 lbs. \$1.75 100 lbs. \$3.00

**ARMOUR'S SPECIAL GROWERS MIXTURE**—A plant food which is quickly available. 4-12-8. Use  
6 lbs. to 100 sq. ft. and work into the soil, or apply along the rows about 6 in. out, using 2 lbs. to  
50 ft. row; for lawns, 100 lbs. for 50 x 100 ft.  
10 lbs. 75c 25 lbs. \$1.25 50 lbs. \$2.20 100 lbs. \$3.85

**SUPER-PHOSPHATE**—20% available. Should be added where heavy applications of manures have  
been used. 50 lbs. \$1.75 100 lb. bags \$2.75

SEND FOR OUR SPECIAL PAMPHLETS ON FERTILIZERS AND LAWNS.

## SPRAY MATERIAL for Fruit Trees, Roses and Plants

Good Spray material is almost as important as the plants, as many plants will not  
survive the attacks of insects. Therefore, a good spray is necessary once in a while.  
The insecticides that I list here I think are the best as to quality and effectiveness.

### Kleenup Ready Mix (Oil Emulsion) Dormant Spray

One of the best dormant sprays for scale, Green Aphis and Peach Leaf Roller. Apply in  
spring just before buds burst. Use 3 to 4 gallons to 100 gallons water.  
Price, \$1.00 per Gallon

10% discount if you bring your own container. Add 20c for postage on a gallon can.  
The 5 gallon can must go by Express.

**BLACK LEAF 40**—For control of Aphis and other eating insects on Roses and tender plants. 1 oz.  
bottle, 35c. Not mailable.

**ARSENATE OF LEAD**—For the control of codling moth on Apple and all other  
tree fruits. Spray when bloom starts to fall and every three weeks thereafter  
for at least three to four applications. Also for gooseberries, currants, potatoes.  
Kills all leaf eating insects. Use 4 lbs. to 50 gallons of water.  
1 lb. pkg., 35c; 4 lb. pkg., \$1.00. Not mailable.



**KRYOCIDE D50**—for dusting. 1 lb., 50c.

Effective against chewing insects which attack the  
Home Garden.



**LIME SULPHUR**—Used for fruit tree scale as a dormant spray, but we prefer  
the Oil Emulsion. LIME SULPHUR is the best for control of the disease  
on Raspberries. Spray just when the leaves show in the spring. Use 5 lbs.  
to 50 gallons water. Also advisable to spray again in September using  
same amount.  
1 lb. can, 35c; 5 lb. can, \$1.50. Not mailable

**BORDEAUX MIXTURE**—For the control of black spot and yellows on Roses, Cherries  
and Evergreens; also for dry rot on Plums. Use 1 lb. to 10 gal. water.  
Extra Strong—1 lb. can 50c. Not mailable.

### PEAT MOSS

This is the finely ground Peat Moss, for use on Lawns, Evergreens, Shrubs,  
Roses and Flowers. Keeps the soil loose and holds moisture. Peat Moss worked  
into the soil under shade trees will help make a nice green lawn, where grass has  
refused to grow. PEAT MOSS worked into the soil around EVERGREENS will  
keep them in a good healthy condition. ROSE BEDS need PEAT MOSS.

1 bushel paper bags, 85c; large bales, \$5.00

# EXTRA SPECIAL

## Purple Raspberry

### SODUS

6 for \$1.25 12 for \$2.40  
25 for \$4.50 50 for \$8.00

Rich, delicious, very heavy bearer. Berries are very large,  
beautiful wine color. Just the thing for your freezer. We are  
using Sodus from our freezer which was put in in 1944.

The plant is a strong grower, and does not sprout; grows  
like the blacks.

Order early as supply is limited.

## New Black Raspberry

### MORRISON

6 for \$1.25 12 for \$2.40 25 for \$4.50

This is a new Black Raspberry, and one of the most prom-  
ising. Fruit very large and solid, heavy cropper, ripens earlier  
than Cumberland.

## EVERBLOOMING ROSES

2 Year Plants—No. 2 ..... 3 for \$1.25

Red Pink Yellow

## DWARF CANNAS

15c each

Red and Yellow

## PLANTING AND INSTRUCTION SHEETS FREE

Drop us a card or letter. We will send the sheets that interest you.

**STRAWBERRIES AND RASP-  
BERRIES**—Planting and Spraying.  
**FRUIT TREES**—Spraying guide.  
**ROSES**—Planting, care and spraying.

**SHADE TREES**—Planting and care.  
**EVERGREENS**—Planting and care.  
**LAWNS AND FERTILIZERS.**

## Open Sundays

### This is a cordial invitation to visit our nursery . .

Plan a trip to our nursery. You'll see much to interest you  
and perhaps you will find a suggestion as to just the very things  
you need to make your grounds more beautiful and fruitful.

SELECT PERSONALLY SHRUBS, TREES  
AND PLANTS

Hundreds of our customers come to the Nursery every year,  
select their SHRUBS and PLANTS, and take them home in  
their cars.

It will save you money to do this, also you see just what you  
are getting.

## We Can Ship Anywhere!

### TRANSPORTATION

We can ship our Nursery Stock anywhere you  
wish, by Express, Freight or Parcel Post. Also by  
Truck lines. Our prices listed are for the stock  
boxed or wrapped. Large fruit trees, shade trees,  
evergreens and shrubs must go by express or freight.  
Berry plants, roses and small quantity of shrubs can  
go by parcel post.

### ALPHA NURSERY STOCK

Is grown on heavy, rich black loam, which insures  
good, strong, steady growth. Our aim is to grow  
the very best, most hardy and productive varieties  
adapted for the Northern central states.

We have been in the nursery business at Alpha,  
Illinois, for the past 55 years, and have a host of  
satisfied customers, as we try our best to treat every  
one fairly and squarely.

We try to serve every customer and planter of  
our goods so promptly, courteously, and thoroughly  
as to assure each the profit, pleasure and satisfaction  
he expects.

### We Guarantee

our stock to be true to  
name. Should any items  
prove untrue, we will re-  
place them.

But shall not at any  
time be held responsible  
for any amount greater  
than the original price.

### We Replace

stock that dies at one-half  
price, if a list is sent us  
within four months after  
the shipment is made.

ALPHA NURSERY

ALPHA, ILLINOIS

Personally Select Your Trees, Evergreens and Plants

ON HIGHWAY U. S. 150

OPEN SUNDAYS

# PLANTING TIME

## 1946

This Spring is the time to plant Berry Plants, Fruit Trees, Gardens, Roses, and Evergreens. Small fruit planted this Spring will bear next year. This is your only chance to have your own fruit next year.

The shortage of fruit will continue for several years. You can help this shortage by planting a part of your garden or back yard to fruit. The quicker you get the trees and plants in the ground, the quicker they will produce.

Planting time is short—Just three months: March, April, May. Get your orders in early, as the supply of Nursery goods is not large.

THIS IS THE 55th YEAR OF THE ALPHA NURSERY. We have grown millions of trees and plants during this time and have gained much actual experience as to the GROWING, CARE AND HABITS OF EVERGREENS, TREES, ROSES and PLANTS suitable to our climate.

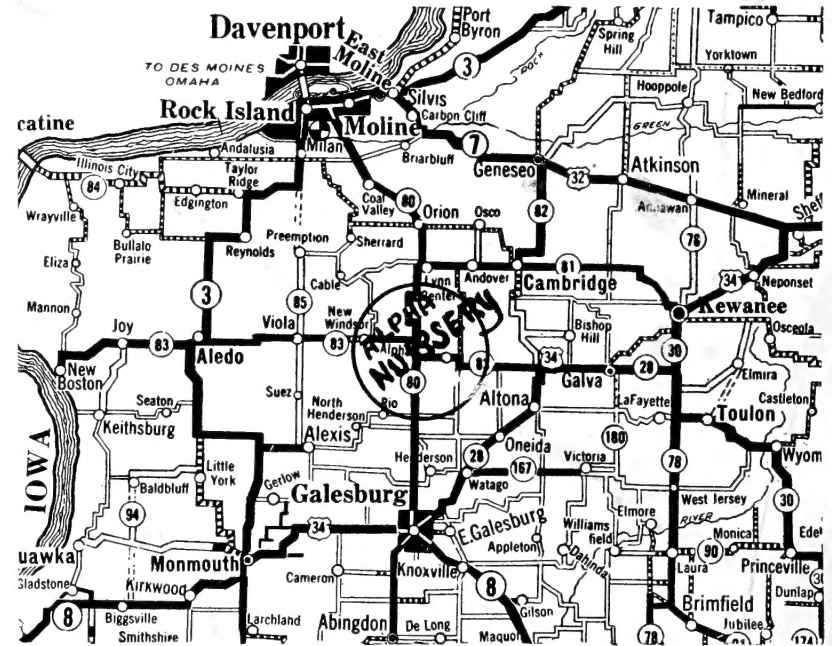
This long experience gives assurance of better trees and plants, as most all our stock is grown in our fields here at ALPHA, ILLINOIS.

This nursery is now in the hands of the second and third generations of WIRTS growing quality nursery stock.

Fair dealings, and honest values have built a reputation for this firm which stands the acid test of time.

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Alpha, Illinois



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